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SUBJECT: IAEA URANIUM RESOURCES PROJECT

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE INTERNATIONAL URANIUM RESOURCES EVALUATION PROJECT (IUREP) WHICH IS BEING CONDUCTED PRIMARILY BY IAEA IN COOPERATION WITH NEA. OBJECTIVE IS TO CONDUCT AN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF POTENTIAL URANIUM RESOURCES AND PREPARE A PRELIMINARY WORLD FAVORABILITY REPORT BY EARLY 1978. IUREP IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT NEA/IAEA
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STEERING GROUP ON URANIUM RESOURCES WHICH MET NOVEMBER 2-4, 1976 (PARIS) AND JANUARY 25-27, 1977 (VIENNA). THIS ACTION IMPLEMENTS U.S. SUGGESTION PRESENTED TO IEA NUCLEAR SUBGROUP WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED NEA/IAEA TO UNDERTAKE THIS ACTION. STEERING GROUP HAS ESTABLISHED AN ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NEA AND IAEA, WITH IAEA CARRYING

THE MAIN WORKLOAD UNDER A TIGHT SCHEDULE CALLING FOR A LIMITED PUBLICATION BY MAY 1, 1978.

2. PROJECT IS ESTIMATED REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 470,000. COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE A PORTION OF THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN MADE BY IAEA, NEA AND IEA. IN-KIND ASSISTANCE IS BEING GIVEN BY COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON THE NEA/IAEA STEERING COMMITTEE.

3. USG UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS (I.E., DOLS 110,000) TO COMPLETE IUREP ON PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND THAT IAEA UNABLE PROVIDE SUCH FUNDS THROUGH READJUSTMENT OF ITS NORMAL BUDGET IN 1977-78.

4. THE USG HAS, THROUGH ITS PARTICIPATION IN IEA, NEA, AND IAEA STRONGLY ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED IUREP AS BEING OF VERY SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO BETTER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF WORLD URANIUM RESOURCES. AS A STEERING GROUP MEMBER, THE U.S. HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ITSELF TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT USG ATTACHES TO THE TIMELY COMPLETION OF IUREP UNDER AUSPICES, THE USG, THROUGH ERDA, IS PREPARED TO OFFER ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OF DOLS 110,000 TO INSURE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT SINCE FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES, INCLUDING THE IAEA, APPARENTLY NOT AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED.

5. IF USG/ERDA OFFER ACCEPTABLE TO AGENCY, ERDA ALSO PREPARED TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF IAEA INVOICE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE WORK OF DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE IN FUNDING SUCH ACTIVITIES WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT PROVIDED FOR IN REGULAR BUDGET. UPON COMPLETION OF PROJECT, ANY UNUSED FUNDS WOULD BE RETURNED TO ERDA OR USED BY IAEA FOR ANY RELATED ACTIVITIES AS MIGHT BE AGREED WITH ERDA.

6. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO FORMALLY TRANSMIT USG/ERDA OFFER BY LETTER, USING ABOVE COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE. IF OFFER ACCEPTABLE TO IAEA, THEIR RESPONSE SHOULD PROVIDE GENERAL BUDGET BREAKDOWN AS TO HOW THIS ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE UTILIZED.

7. MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE SOONEST OF AGENCY RESPONSE.
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